

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

The ABSTRACT has been combined as a single paragraph as the following:

--An object of the present invention is to perform a pickup feed operation and a turntable raising/lowering operation by the use of a rotatable drive source mechanism (54) for rotatably driving an optical disk including, for example, a CD while avoiding interference between an optical pickup (57) and the same drive source (54) in an optical disk device (1) for recording and reproducing a signal on the optical disk. To accomplish the above-mentioned object, a dual-purpose drive source mechanism (62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68) generates a driving force for a pickup drive mechanism (57a) and a turntable raising/lowering mechanism (51 c, 15). The operation of switching a transmission path of the driving force of the dual-purpose drive source mechanism (62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68) from a path leading to the pickup drive mechanism (57a) to a path leading to the turntable raising/lowering mechanism (51c, 15), or vice versa is performed by an operation independent of the optical pickup (57) under the driving force of the dual-purpose drive source mechanism (62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68). --

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 16-26 are allowed.

- The reason for allowance should be found in Office action mailed on 07/21/2008.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tianjie Chen whose telephone number is 571-272-7570. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30, Mon-Fri.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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